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SUBJECT: KING FAISAL CALLS FOR EARLY SOLUTION TO ARAB-
ISRAELI PROBLEM

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION: DURING HOUR' S AUDIENCE APRIL 24
KING FAISAL STRESSED TO CINCEUR GEN GOODPASTER NEED FOR
EARLY US ACTION TO RESOLVE ARAB- ISRAELI DISPUTE. PENDING
SUCH A SOLUTION, SAG EMBARRASSED BY ATTACKS FROM SOME OF
ITS NEIGHBORS THAT IT A LACKEY OF AMERICANS. GENERAL
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REFERRED TO US EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF SETTLEMENT AND AFFIRMED THESE WOULD CONTINUE . AT SAME TIME HE FELT IT ESSENTIAL FOR STABILITY OF ENTIRE REGION THAT UG, SAG, AND OTHER FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO INCREASE THEIR COOPERATION. KING TOOK CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN HIS GUEST AND SPOKE IN MORE DIRECT AND PERSONAL MANNER THAN USUAL. END SUMMARY

1. AT BEGINNING OF AUDIENCE WITH KING FAISAL APRIL 24 (ATTENDED ALSO BY CHARGE HORAN, POLAD LONG, AND CHUSMTM SMITH) GENERAL GOODPASTER REMARKED HAVING PREVIOUSLY MET HM IN 1957 WHEN HE VISITED US AS SAUDI ARABIA' PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, HE ADDED, HAD DEEN MOST IMPRESSED BY HM' S POLITICAL JUDGMENT AND PARTICULARLY BY HIS KNOWLEDGE OF HUMAN NATURE. KING NOTED WITH PLEASURE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER' S HONORABLE AND COURAGEOUS STAND IN 1956 DURING ANGLO- FRENCH- ISRAELI ATTACK UPON CANAL AND SINAI. HE ADDED THAT SAG PLACED GREAT STORE BY ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH UNITED STATES, AND HOPED THAT THIS FRIENDSHIP WOULD GROW EVER MORE STRONG IN YEARS TO COME.

2. AT SAME TIME KING URGED THAT US TAKE NOTE OF THREAT THAT ZIONISM AND COMMUNISM POSED TO PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST AND EVEN TO STABILILY AND INTEGRITY OF US SOCIETY ITSELF.

3. GENERAL GOODPASTER REPLIED THAT US HAD DONE A GREAT DEAL IN FURTHERING CAUSE OF PEACE IN ME, AND SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED CEASEFIRE OF AUGUST 1970 AS HAVING HELPED ABATE TENSIONS IN AREA AND MAKE POSSIBLE EFFORTS TOWARD A PERMANENT AND SLABLE PEACE-- WHICH REMAINS OUR GOAL IN ME.

4. KING STRONGLY AGREED THAT SUCH A PEACE SHOULD BE OBJECT OF INTENSE US EFFORTS. HE COMPLAINED THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, SOME OF SAUDI ARABIA' S NEIGHBORS WERE ACCUSING IT OF BEING AGENT OR LACKEY OF US IMPERIALISM. THESE AC- CUSATIONS WERE A SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AND EMBARASS- MENT TO SAG AND HE URGED THAT US RESOLVE THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT GAVE THEM RISE . SAG DID NOT EXPECT US TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL, BUT WHY, KING ASKED, DID US NOT STEP BACK FROM ISRAEL (AS WEHAD DONE IN VIET- NAM) AND ALLOW OUR FORMER CLIENT TO STAND ON OWN TWO FEET. LET UNITED STATES CONFIDENTIAL

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ABANDON ISRAEL, HE URGED. FURTHERMORE, IF ISRAEL WOULD ONLY AGREE TO WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND TO TAKE BACK PALESTINIAN REFUGEES EXPELLED IN 1 948, SOLUTIONS TO ALL OTHER OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS BETWEEN TWO SIDES WOULD FALL INTO PLACE.

5. GENERAL GOODPASTER REMARKED THAT ARAB- ISRAELI QUESTION

COMPLEX ONE THAT HAD ITS ORIGINS IN CIRCUMSTANCES PRECEDING
OUR PRESENT INVOLVEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST. PROBLEM REQUIRED
AND WOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE CONTINUED US EFFORTS TO FIND
A SOLUTION. AFTER ALL IN THIS INSTANCE US WAS AFFECTED
BY THE " BURDENS OF HISTORY". GENERAL ALSO EMPHASIZED IT WAS
ESSENTIAL TO SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA AND
REGION AS A WHOLE, THAT COOPERATION ON MILITARY AND OTHER
LEVELS BETWEEN SAG, USG, AND OTHER FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS
OF AREA SHOULD CONTINUE AND GROW. KING TOO, BELIEVED THISTO
BE TRUE, ALTHOUGHHE URGED REPEATEDLY THAT A HIGHER PRIORITY
BE GIVEN TO SOLVING THE ARAB- ISRAELI PROBLEM FOR
THE SAKE OF SAUDI ARABIA' S INTERESTS AS WELL AS THOSE
OF US.
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